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Mike DeWine, Governor
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>>> OCHA, OhioMHAS, Cardinal Health Partner to Launch Ohio Zero Suicide Pediatric Initiative

The Ohio Children's Hospital Association ([OCHA](#)) has partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the [Cardinal Health Foundation](#) to bring the [Zero Suicide Institute](#) (ZSI) to Ohio. The Ohio Zero Suicide Pediatric Initiative, supported by funding from OhioMHAS, will leverage resources through a public-private partnership, allowing hospitals to participate in a comprehensive training with the goal of disseminating information both throughout the hospitals and into the communities.

OCHA's hospitals will adopt a framework supporting incorporation of evidence-based and promising practices for suicide prevention into their organizations. *"We know that Ohio's network of Children's Hospitals and clinics are embedded in the communities where our families live to bring the best in healthcare to young people,"*

said OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss. *"We're excited about this partnership to prevent youth suicide and intervene early before real problems occur."*

Click [HERE](#) to read the full media release.



>>> TIME CHANGE: Developing a Comprehensive School-Based Suicide Prevention Program – Sept. 25

As part of Suicide Prevention Month, the OhioMHAS Office of Prevention is pleased to bring Ohio's educators and community partners a suicide prevention training designed to help build a multi-level school program. Due to a scheduling issue, the time has changed. It is now **10:30-11:45 a.m.** Comprehensive School Suicide Prevention describes a set of school-based strategies aimed at preventing and addressing adolescent suicide on multiple levels. Effective comprehensive school suicide prevention programs consist of policies, strategies and procedures within these levels – all necessary to address adolescent suicide. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> NIMH Director: Addressing the Crisis of Black Youth Suicide

In observance of September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Director Joshua M. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., released a message to the field describing NIMH's efforts to address the rising rates of suicide in the U.S. among Black youth. Click [HERE](#) to read Dr. Gordon's message.



>>> Bringing Prevention Virtual

The Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network has created a series of resources to assist prevention professionals as they transition from delivering services and programming from face-to-face to virtual settings. These resources can be accessed at the [PTTC website](#). Select the title of a resource via webinars/videos, podcasts and print materials to be redirected to view or download that resource. Additional resources will be added to this page as they are developed by the PTTC Network.

>>> New Report Explores Chronic Pain and Mental Health, How to Better Support People with Both



Mental Health America (MHA) has released a new report, *Early, Equitable and Trauma Responsive Care for Chronic Pain and Mental Health*, that explores the connection between arthritis, chronic pain and often untreated mental health conditions, the communities most affected by both conditions, and the barriers to care that they face. Based on the findings, MHA outlines a series of policy and practice recommendations to create care for mental health and chronic pain. Click [HERE](#) to read the report.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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